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Applicant: Tsunenori ARAI et al.

Title: SHEATH REMOVAL HOLE CLOSING DEVICE USING LASER WELDING SCHEME

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.84
TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, Applicants respectfully request and petition for the acceptance of color drawings for Figures 2 and 7-8. Color drawings are the only practicable medium by which the subject matter sought to be disclosed in Figures 2 and 7-8 can be shown. Applicants request that the color drawings be accepted.

In support thereof, Applicants submit:

- I) A fee in the amount of \$130.00 as is set forth under 37 CFR 1.17(h);
- II) Three (3) sets of the color figures set forth above;
- III) A black and white photocopy that accurately depicts, to the extent possible, the subject matter illustrated in the color drawing; and

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IV) An amendment to the specification indicating that the application contains color photographs.

In the Specification:

On page 1, directly beneath the title, please insert the following:

--The application contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent or patent application publication with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee.--

Figure 2 is a photograph showing a sheath removal hole.

Figure 7 is a photograph showing a cross section of a sheath removal hole welded and closed by the laser welding scheme.

Figure 8 is photographs of a stained cross section of a sheath removal hole welded and closed by the laser welding scheme, in which a blue portion represents collagen fibers, a pale red portion represents elastin fibers, a blackish brown portion represents cell nuclei, and the right photograph is a magnification of the left photograph in the rectangle area.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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